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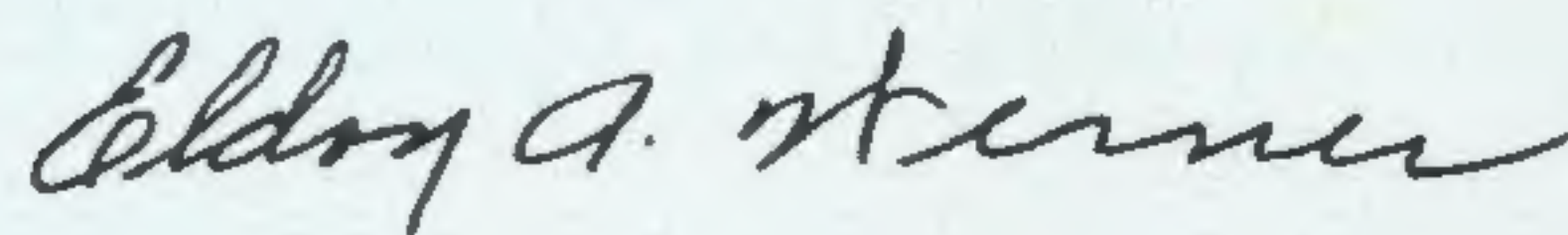
DECEMBER, 1968

... A Time of Warmth

The Christmas season is a time of warmth and good fellowship throughout the world. Even in these troubled times, we can pause and reflect on the bountiful blessings we are privileged to earn in this nation.

This is also a time to set our goals for future endeavors. We urge you, in pondering the days ahead, to be ever mindful of safety on your jobs, for it is safe working practices that assure Gulf Staters and their families of a Merry Christmas.

We extend to all of you our wishes for a Joyous and Merry Christmas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenn Richard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eldon A. Starnes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



OUR COVER

Few Santas possess the charm of Kay Creamer, Beaumont Accounting Department Clerk, who graces our cover this month. But whatever the uniform, the message is the same. Merry Christmas to all.

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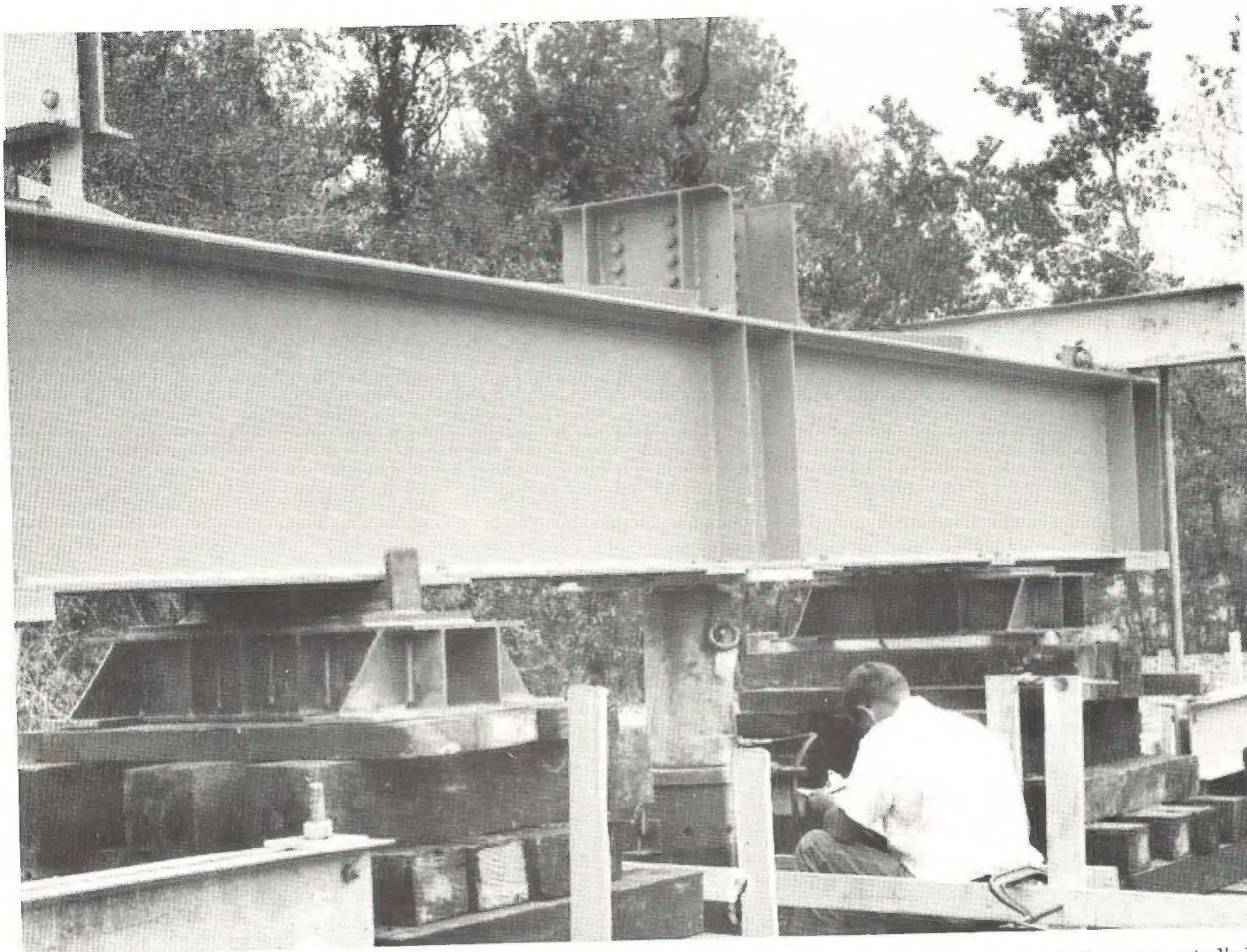
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During tests at the Lindbergh Substation, Beaumont, the effects of weights on poles without concrete foundations were studied. Here, a tester records the results of these tests. The weight experiments were conducted by an outside firm on request of our Company's representatives.

Concrete: Who Needs It?

THERE was nothing "concrete" about the idea at first. Nor, for that matter, was there concrete in the final analysis. But the brainchild of Paul Harrington, supervisor of project engineering in the Engineering Design Department, and Bill Tolbert, design engineer, may save millions of dollars over the years on high voltage line projects.

Mr. Harrington approached Mr. Tolbert on the possibility of installing steel utility poles without using the standard, and expensive, concrete foundations. Heavier, wooden poles do not require concrete, the men reasoned, so why not steel?

MR. Tolbert began conducting experiments with various types of poles at the Lindbergh Substation in Beaumont. The yard was soon filled with poles, both wood and steel. Pressure tests also were conducted with only a small portion of pole projecting out of the ground.

It was discovered that some form of earth or shell backfill could supplant the concrete, but additional support would be necessary. Mr. Tolbert said various types of braces were tried, and a metal brace which could be bolted to the pole just below ground level was decided upon.

ALTHOUGH the experiments were highly encouraging the men felt additional tests would be necessary to determine whether the poles would withstand hurricane-force winds that so often plague our Company's service area.

The A. B. Chance Company-Universal Pole Division in Houston agreed to conduct the wind stress tests using tubular steel poles with which Gulf Staters were experimenting. Universal Pole had developed the steel poles with an H-frame design.

"The tests surpassed all our expectations," said Mr. Tolbert. "All our design requirements were met."

The experiment was conducted in four phases:

1) Longitudinal tests to determine the direction of lines on the H-structure.

2) Traverse tests to determine the effect of 110 mile an hour (hurricane-force) winds.

3) National Electrical Safety Code tests to determine the effect of one-quarter inch of ice on the structure under a 60 mile per hour wind.

4) Vertical load tests on stringing conditions, including the effect of the weight of stringing blocks and construction men on the arm of the structure.

THE only hitch in the tests came during the hurricane-force wind experiment. Pictures taken during the test indicated that strong winds might force the insulators against one of the poles. This problem may be resolved by going to a 21-foot span between the two poles instead of the present 19-foot span, Mr. Harrington said.

Overall, however, the tests were so conclusive that 40 of the structures were ordered for February to use on a 10-mile line project in the Lake Charles Division.

Concrete foundations will have to be used on about four of the structures," said Mr. Tolbert, "because part of the project will cross marshy areas."

Even at that, the savings, without concrete foundations, is estimated at \$2,000 per mile of line. This would mean a reduction of \$20,000 alone on this project.

Mr. Tolbert points out that the \$2,000 per mile is only an initial savings.

"There are other definite advantages to the



Supporting brace for experimental pole is welded on here, but a bolt-on brace has been developed for future use. This is part of the tests conducted at Lindbergh.

tubular steel structures," said Mr. Tolbert. "They are lighter than wood, and it takes only six of them per mile compared to nine per mile for the wood structure.

"BECAUSE of this," he added, "We can take full advantage of our right-of-way width (rights-of-way are purchased in 100-foot widths)."

Concrete foundations, he said, average \$3,000-\$4,000 each, whereas the sand-shell mix which will be used with the steel structures cost about \$9 per installation.

The life-span of the steel pole is almost incalculable. Mr. Harrington said only an occasional paint job is necessary for maintenance of the galvanized steel.

"Even the paint job may not be necessary," he added, "It depends on the location of the pole."

AS far as can be determined, said Mr. Tolbert, this is the first non-concrete foundation experiment to be used with steel structures.

"I have talked to about 25 other utilities representatives since our experiment began," he said, "and we found out that H-structures have been used before, but they were always set in concrete."

The experiment has spawned excitement for utility companies across the nation. A. B. Chance has conducted a series of tests which were viewed by representatives of all other Texas power companies, and another experiment is scheduled in Houston for firms throughout the United States.

A Wisconsin electric utility system has initiated tests with the H-frame structures, said Mr. Tolbert, "but they are about a year behind us."

Even utility pole manufacturers have gotten into the act, noted Mr. Tolbert.

"When we started the experiment," he recalled, "we wanted to see what type of structure would be best to use."

"We talked about aluminum laced H-frame, galvanized steel laced and tubular steel. We finally settled on tubular steel."

"WE still haven't ruled the others out, but we decided to concentrate on tubular steel."

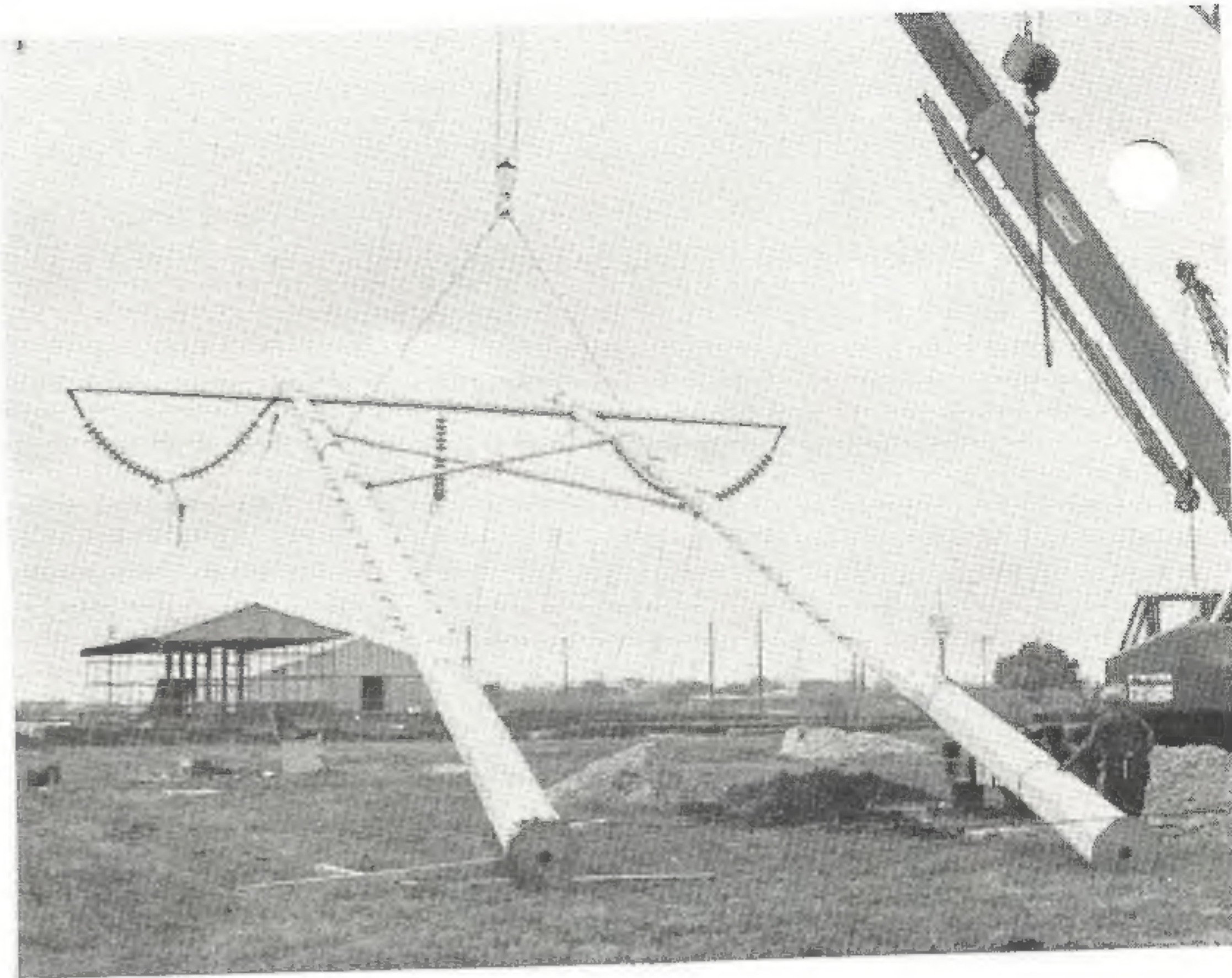
Meanwhile, he added, the Kaiser Aluminum Company developed an aluminum laced structure which it considers economically feasible for utility companies. A test is scheduled on this structure in Fort Worth.

"There are a number of disadvantages to the laced structure," said Mr. Tolbert, "but it does have possibilities."

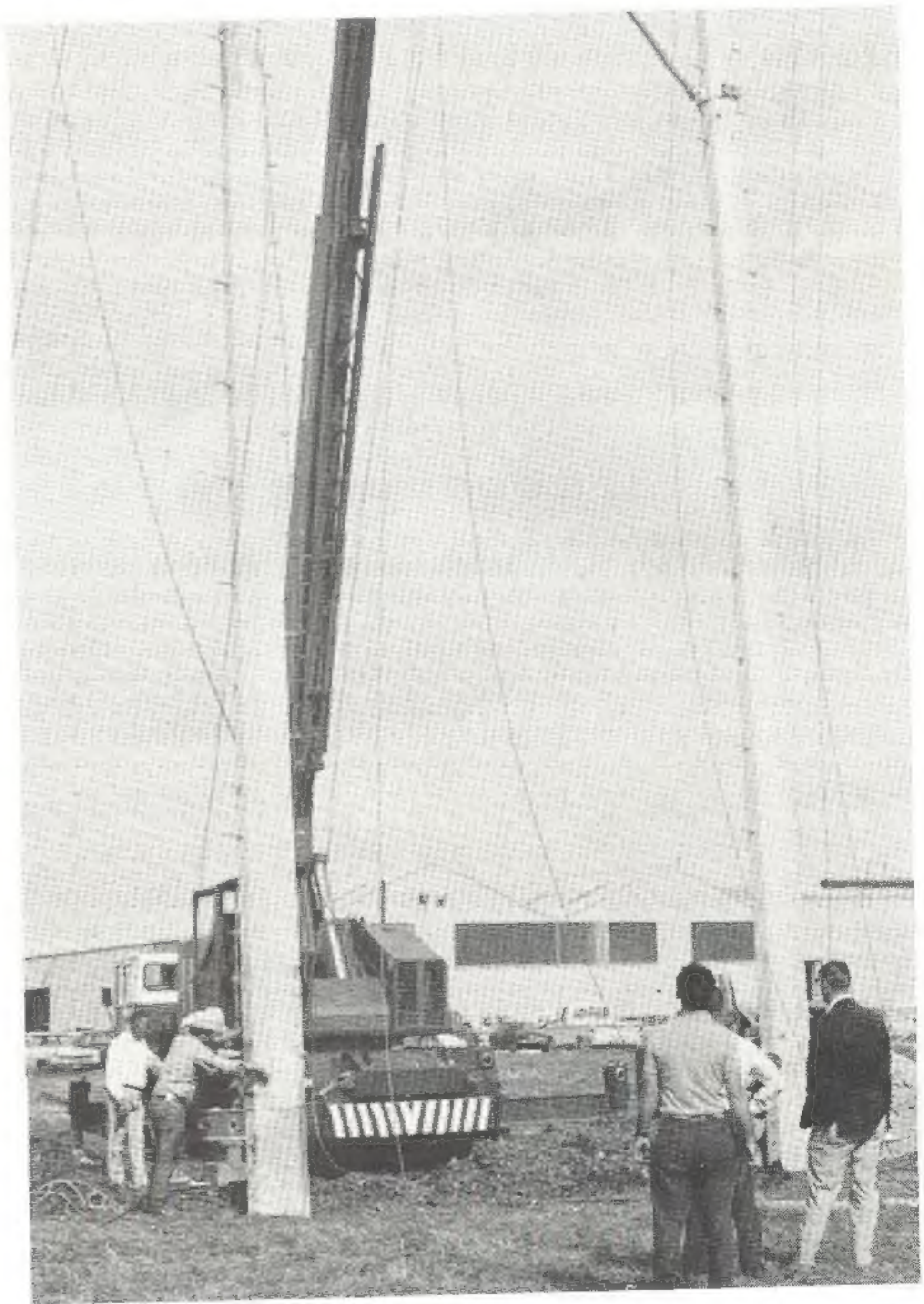
It is lighter, he said, and there is a real possibility of installing the structures with helicopters. Also, it would never have to be painted.

Whether aluminum or steel is used in the future, however, it appears certain that our Company's experimenters have developed a pattern that will be followed by other firms throughout the U. S.

Which just goes to show what you can do without concrete, once you settle on it.



Workers hoist structure into place during experiments in Houston. The H-frame design withstood winds of hurricane force, using only a sand-shell mix as a foundation.



With structure placed in ground, A. B. Chance testers prepare for wind-stress experiments which were conducted in Houston. The tests proved highly successful.



College Aid Program Amended By Our Company

STATISTICS tell us that our college population will swell to almost double, and sometimes triple, the size it is now. All of this is expected to take place within the next few years despite the fact that costs of a college education are increasing daily.

Our Company recently took steps to see that many of our children will not be denied the opportunity to further their education in institutions of higher learning.

The Board of Directors, on Nov. 13, amended the College Aid Program which raised the maximum limits on the Company's matching gifts.



BOARD Chairman Glenn E. Richard said, in view of increased contributions by employees and the ever-increasing need for further assistance to higher education, the College Aid Program Committee had recommended the following changes:

(1) Increase from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum amount which the Company will match for each individual employee's gift.

(2) Increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum annual contributions which will be made by the Company.

Originally instituted in 1961, the College Aid Program allows employees to make contributions or not less than \$10 or more than \$1,000 (raised from \$500) per year to the college of their choosing. This contribution is matched by the Company.

TO be eligible for matching contributions, the school, college or university must be an accredited institution of learning in the United States or must be approved as an eligible institution by the College Aid Program Committee.

The program now provides that the Company will match the individual employee's gift in equal amounts unless the total contributions applied for in any one year exceed \$20,000, in which case the Company will contribute the same percentage for each gift as the percentage that \$20,000 bears to the total of all gifts.



Cifreo, Herrington, St. Pierre

Promotions Announced For 3 Employees at Willow Glen

Three promotions at Willow Glen Station in Baton Rouge became effective November 1.

James E. Cifreo, formerly maintenance planner, was promoted to electrical maintenance foreman, Leo Herrington, formerly master repairman, was promoted to mechanical maintenance foreman and Lourey J. St. Pierre, formerly master test technician, was promoted to test foreman.

Mr. Cifreo started with the Company as a mechanic's helper at Louisiana Station in 1948. He was transferred to



Willow Glen as a master electrician when that plant opened in 1960. In October of 1967 he became a maintenance planner.

A native of Baton Rouge, Mr. Cifreo is a graduate of Istrouma High School. He attended the University of Southeastern Louisiana at Hammond, and he has completed several electronics courses at the Baton Rouge Trade School.

Before joining the Company he served with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1946 to 1948.

Mr. Cifreo is married to the former Freida Gremillion of Rougon, La. They have two girls. Karen is 16 and Phyllis is 14.

The family attends St. Gerard Catholic Church.

Mr. Herrington became a member of



The interest earned from your investment in Series E Savings Bonds is not subject to state or local income taxes. Federal tax on E Bond interest may be deferred until you redeem the Bond.

the Gulf States family in 1948 as a mechanic's helper at Louisiana Station. He was made a master repairman in 1960 and transferred to Willow Glen.



Leo Herrington A Baton Rouge native, he is a graduate of Baton Rouge High School and he has attended the Baton Rouge Trade School.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Herrington served with the U. S. Army in Korea from 1953 to 1955.

He is married to the former Reno Guess of Cameron, Tex. The Herringtons have three children. Leo, 15, is a sophomore at Baton Rouge High School, Danny, 13, attends Westdale Junior High School and Ellen Nell, 8, attends LaSalle Elementary.

Mr. Herrington is a member of Fairfield Masonic Lodge and the family attends Grace Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.

Mr. St. Pierre joined the Company as

an operator's helper at Louisiana Station in 1949. After progressing through several posts there, he was made master test technician and transferred to Willow Glen in 1960.



A native of Taft, **Lourey St. Pierre** La., he is a graduate of Destrehan High School and he attended Louisiana State University for three years. He also has completed several correspondence courses in combustion engineering.

During World War II Mr. St. Pierre served in the U. S. Navy as an electrician aboard an aircraft carrier.

Mrs. St. Pierre is the former Myrtle Lusk of Baton Rouge. The couple have 13 children ranging in age from two to 18 years.

Mr. St. Pierre is a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Baton Rouge and he is committee chairman for Troop 322 of the Boy Scouts of America.

The family attends St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

At Beaumont

Sam J. Turner Promoted

The promotion of Sam J. Turner from special laborer to utility labor foreman in the Administrative Services Department—Building Services in Beaumont became effective November 1.



Sam J. Turner A native of Center-ville, Miss., Mr. Turner attended Charlton-Pollard High School in Beaumont. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany from 1950 to 1952.

Mr. Turner joined the Company in 1954 in the Building

Services Department in Beaumont. He progressed to janitor in 1957 and in 1960 he was made a special laborer.

Mrs. Turner is the former Mable Lee Wright of Washington, La. The couple have three children. Sam Jr., 14, plays football for Lincoln Junior High School, Carolyn, 13, is a member of the Lincoln Jr. High School Band, and Emma Lois is 12.

Mr. Turner is president of the Short Circuit Club. He is also a member of the Charlton-Pollard Booster Club.

The Turners attend Scott Olive Baptist Church.

SERVICE AWARDS

FORTY YEARS



Edgar L. Bailey
Executive
Beaumont

THIRTY YEARS



Cyril Dominguez
Production
Baton Rouge



Malcolm Holmes
Production
Baton Rouge



John M. May, Jr.
Production
Baton Rouge



Frank J. Robinson
Executive
Huntsville



Liston E. Wallace
Gas
Baton Rouge

TWENTY YEARS



Shirley Brumfield
Gas
Baton Rouge



Isreal Chapman
Production
Baton Rouge



Floyd E. Doughty
Distribution
Baton Rouge



Clarence Mason
Distribution
Navasota



Dorothy Mitchell
Treasury
Lake Charles



Vic Norvell
Executive
Conroe



Mildred Osborne
Executive
Beaumont



Virgie L. Papin
Treasury
Lake Charles



Lionel Sims
Distribution
Beaumont



James Varnado
Distribution
Lake Charles

TEN YEARS



Billie Fortenberry
Treasury
Gonzales



Chester J. Landry
Distribution
Lake Charles

'Old Reliable' Kicks Out After 48 Long Years

BY JIM PHARES, JR.
Engineer, Port Arthur

Forty-eight years of service came to an end with the recent retirement of one of this Company's most faithful employees.

Employed originally by Eastern Texas Electric Co. in January of 1920, he proved from the start that he was a rugged individual. In 48 years of service, he never willingly lost one day's work and he was always ready to carry his share of the load.

After spending nine years in the T&D Department in Port Arthur, he was transferred to Port Neches, by Gulf States Utilities Co.

By 1935, with 15 years of experience coiled within him, he returned to Port Arthur. He had already seen many changes in the electric industry, and even though new employees were hired to perform work similar to his, he still proved an old timer could produce. Because of his dedication to his work people always looked up to him.

From 1935 until 1953 he was still able to work long and hard; but enough changes were taking place and the industry was growing at such a rate that even his high voltage personality would not always prove the best choice to perform his type of work.

After 1953 some of his time was spent on standby duty. While some of his more modern and highly praised contemporaries were literally standing on pedestals, he still hung to the old way of life.

In 1960 the inductive reasoning that was so much a part of him convinced him that soon he would be considered obsolete. Because of his age and iron will, no one ever considered making an effort to convert him to new ideas.

He finally retired in 1968. There was no party or other incident to mark this occasion. He just quietly left one morning in a big red truck and the last time we heard from him he was working for a junk dealer in Houston. We did get a picture of him just before he left, I enclosed it. We call him #348.

For a photo of this dedicated member of the Gulf States family see page 12.

Gulf Staters In The News

- **Jack Worthy**, assistant to the vice president of the Baton Rouge Division, has been reappointed to the governmental affairs committee of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Worthy's duties will require him and his committee to monitor legislation at the local, state and national levels.
- **Ben Campo** of Baton Rouge Building Services hit the sports pages recently when he made the Bowling Honor Roll. He rolled a 623 series with games of 199, 181, and 243.
- **Jerry Stokes**, vice president and secretary, has been named as vice chairman of the annual membership meeting of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.
- **H. R. Rouse**, director of accounting services, Beaumont, helped co-ordinate a seminar of the Sabine Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. The seminar was conducted in Lake Charles. Rouse is president of the Sabine Chapter.

Julius T. Ross Retires Jan. 1 After 31 Years

Julius T. Ross, janitor at the Beaumont Service Center, climaxes a 31-year career with retirement January 1.

Mr. Ross joined the Company in 1936 as a laborer in Beaumont T&D. He was promoted to janitor in 1950.



A native of New Iberia, La., he attended schools in both the New Iberia and Beaumont areas. He is married to the former Viola Collins of Crowley, La.

Julius T. Ross Mr. Ross has two children. His son, Earl V. Ross, is a senior at South Park High School in Beaumont and his daughter is Mrs. Helen Neil of Houston. She has three children.

Mr. Ross is well known among his fellow workers as the one responsible for organizing Annual Service Award Dinners for several years. He has also participated in a large amount of civic and church work with youth in the Beaumont area.

Mr. Ross recalls the day Hurricane Carla hit Beaumont as his most memorable one with the Company. "We rode the storm out here at the Service Center working through the night to keep the water out," he recalls. "In all, I have worked for the Company during three major hurricanes."

Upon retirement Mr. Ross plans to do more church and civic work. Travel throughout the U. S. is also in the offing.

The Ross family attends Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.



A Series E. Savings Bond purchased for \$18.75 in May 1941 is today worth more than \$42 and is continuing to earn interest at a higher rate than before.

LETTERS

From employees, customers and friends of GSU

BEAUMONT

Dear Mr. (Billy) Creel:

Thank you very much for remembering us with the beautiful flowers on the occasion of our opening a new center in your city. We are happy to be part of the growing business community and appreciate your good wishes immensely.

We are proud to display the All-Electric Building plaque and believe it is a step in the right direction to achieve efficiency and economy.

With every good wish,

Cordially,
Irving M. Axelrod

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for buying my chickens at the fair. This was only my second year to raise chickens and I was able to sell two of the three pens I entered. The money from my chickens will go toward a calf for the fair next year. I also had a fat lamb this year at the fair and a breeding ewe. If it weren't for people like you who support 4-H, it wouldn't be as big a success as it is in Jefferson County. Again I'd like to thank you very much!

Yours truly,
Shirley Ellerbee

Dear Sirs:

I had the nicest surprise today. I received a copy at the door of your "Reddy Recipes." Your recipes are always one of my favorites.

Thanks a lot.

Mrs. Tyrrell Combest

Dear Gulf States Utilities:

I would like to thank you so very much for the lovely manicure set. Now I have to quit biting my nails so that I can use it! Thank you again.

Becky Neyland
Miss Teen Beaumont 1969

BATON ROUGE

Dear Mildred and Christine:

Thank you so much for inviting my class to Gulf States to "see" the equipment. I know it meant extra work for you two, but my class enjoyed the trip so much you enabled them to learn about appliances they are not allowed to examine in a store.

Yours truly,
Ann Smith

CONROE

Dear Mr. (Charles) DeCuir:

I wish to express our appreciation for the outstanding job your company has done in providing the Rayburn Hills Subdivision with service on such short notice.

We are starting construction on the first twenty-five homes and having electrical service in Block 2 will contribute much to provide new homes for the displaced Camden personnel. We also wish to thank you for the street lighting which insures better security for the materials which must be left at the job site.

Please express our thanks to Mr. Joe McClelland and the other members of your company who have helped provide this service.

Respectfully
Joe Briley

JENNINGS

Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of the Louisiana State Library, the Board of Control of Jefferson Davis Parish Demonstration Library, and myself, I want to express appreciation for the beautiful plant sent to the Jennings Branch for the opening ceremonies on Sunday, October 20. It is a handsome addition to our quarters and we hope to keep it so for a long time.

I am especially appreciative of your courtesy and assistance during the installation of our heating and cooling equipment. We may never have made it without your help.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Porter, Librarian
Jefferson Davis Parish
Demonstration Library

HUNTSVILLE

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I want to thank you on behalf of the Area IX Young Farmers for speaking at the Eighth Annual Area IX Young Farmer Awards Banquet Saturday Night, November 2, 1968 at Woodville.

We certainly enjoyed your speech and we appreciate very much you coming to Woodville and meeting with us.

Sincerely,
Jeff Davis
Area IX Supervisor
Vocational Agriculture

SULPHUR

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

I would like to use this opportunity to say thank you for the use of your auditorium last Wednesday evening. It is nice to know that we have such people as you in our area to make our lives and activities easier.

Bear Black

Plain Talks Salutes . . .



Jefferson County
Tim Flocke



Jefferson County
Shirley Ellerbee



Chambers County
Roy Turner



Chambers County
Frances Desormeaux



Galveston County
JoAnn Kahla



Galveston County
Randy Simpton



Grimes County
Celia Cleere



Grimes County
Lonnie Mitchell



Hardin County
Carla Sue Gray



Hardin County
James Butler



Liberty County
Doris Ward



Liberty County
Robin Roberds



Orange County
Charlene Nesbitt



Orange County
Russell Baker

. . . Gold Star Award Winners

Our Company recently participated in a salute to 14 youths in the Texas Division for their outstanding achievements in 4-H Club work.

Tim Flocke of Beaumont has been a 4-H participant for six years. He has served as chairman of the Jefferson County 4-H Council.

Shirley Ellerbee of Nederland is a past secretary and treasurer of the Jefferson County council.

Chambers County's Roy Turner, from Anahuac, is a winner of the county 4-H medal in dairy and leadership.

Frances Desormeaux, also of Anahuac, has received numerous county medals during her four years in the organization.

Randy Simpton and Joann Kahla, both of Port Bolivar, have been in 4-H work for the past eight years. Randy is a past president of his local club. Miss Kahla has been secretary, reporter, historian and delegate to the Galveston County Council.

Lonnie Mitchell of Navasota has been cited for his leadership while serving on the Swine Committee of Grimes County Youth Fairs.

Celia Cleere, also of Navasota, prepares most of her family's meals and constructs most of her wardrobe.

Hardin County's James Butler has been a council delegate from the Lumberton 4-H Council and has attended the District Leadership Lab and Youth For-

estry Shortcourse.

Carla Sue Gray is currently helping younger 4-H girls in Lumberton with foods and clothing projects.

Robin Roberds of Cleveland has been working in the organization for six years. He is a past president of his club and delegate to the district council.

Doris Ward, also of Cleveland, is girl vice chairman of the county council and district council delegate.

Russell Baker of Orange was on the Electric Workshop Committee that won a national award in 1967.

Charlene Nesbitt of Vidor has held numerous 4-H Club offices and has been instrumental in organizing two new 4-H clubs in Orange County.

Huttson H. Reed Named Jennings Superintendent

Huttson H. Reed, formerly commercial sales representative senior, assumed the post of Jennings District superintendent Dec. 1.

Mr. Reed takes over from B. J. (Brad) McMaster, who retired Dec. 1 after 42 years of service to our Company.

Employed by the Company in Jennings since 1941, Mr. Reed was named district representative in 1942. Later that year he became a helper in T&D.

In 1945 he was promoted to sales representative, and the following year he advanced to residential sales representative. He was named senior residential salesman in 1950, and in 1954 he was made a commercial salesman.

Mr. Reed is active in Jennings area civic work as a member of the Jennings Fair Board and of the Chamber of Commerce. He also devotes much of his time to youth work with the 4-H and Future Farmers of America chapters. He is a member of several livestock or-



HUTTSON REED

ganizations.

A native of Beaumont, Mr. Reed is a 1937 graduate of Beaumont High School. He served three years in the Marine Corps during World War II and saw action in the South Pacific.

Mr. Reed is married to the former Lula Mae Buch of Jennings. The couple attend the First Methodist Church of Jennings.

Death Claims Mary Monahan

Mrs. Mary Stiles Monahan, 62, died Dec. 1 in the Baton Rouge General Hospital. She had been an employee of the Company for 27 years.



Mary Monahan clerk since 1949.

A native of Roxie, Miss., she attended schools there. She had lived in Baton Rouge since 1941. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

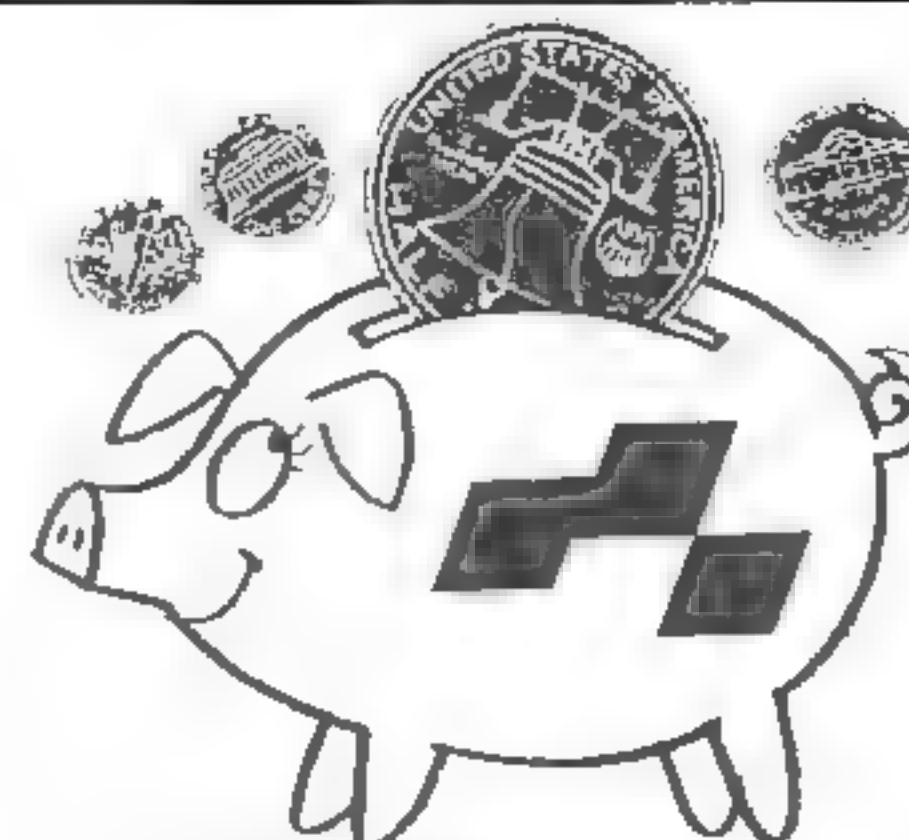
Surviving are her husband, Foster M. Monahan; two brothers, and one step-sister.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2 in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Monahan joined the Company in 1941 as a PBX operator in the Baton Rouge Division. She had been a customer clerk since 1949.



The Beaumont Service Center had "outside assistance" in its preparation for the holiday season. Here three of Santa's helpers, left to right, Mrs. Kent R. Kirk, Mrs. E. Lloyd Priest and Mrs. Woodrow W. Due, wrap presents for the Company Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to these ladies, who are all wives of T&D employees, the party was a tremendous success.



Thrift Plan

PURCHASES OF GSU stock made by the Trustee during November, 1968, covering employee deductions and Company contributions through October, 1968, were as follows:

3,035 shares of Common stock at a total cost of \$80,592.50 or an average cost per share of \$26.554.

63 shares of \$4.40 preferred stock at a cost of \$4,501.30 or an average cost per share of \$71.449.

The Trustee also deposited \$26,150.91 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank.



Our Company was well represented at the eighth annual Area IX Texas Young Farmers Awards Banquet in Woodville, Tex., Nov. 2. Huntsville District Superintendent Frank Robinson was the principal speaker, and System Commercial-Residential Sales Director Herschel Mathews presented the awards. Pictured, left to right, are Wyatt Bell, Woodville District Superintendent, W. H. Oetken, Area IX associate president, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Mathews.



Meet Serial Number 585982 a Westinghouse transformer recently removed from service in the Port Arthur Division after 48 years of nearly continuous use. See the story of this long-time Gulf Stater on page 8.

Mrs. Albers To Continue on Job At Port Arthur

Although the information reached us too late to correct in the November issue of Plain Talks, we are happy to report that Mrs. Lydia F. Albers, customer clerk in Port Arthur, will not be retiring.

Mrs. Albers had elected to take an early retirement on Dec. 1 but decided against it. It was reported in the November Plain Talks that she would be leaving our Company.

Mrs. Albers joined the Company in 1942. We know her friends and co-workers in Port Arthur are delighted that she is remaining on the job.



Earl A. Sandlin, senior engineering assistant, Relay Section Design, Beaumont, spends most of his spare time teaching boys from 9 through 12 how to play baseball and football.

That he has been successful at it is evidenced by his teams' records over the years.

For the past two years, Earl's Junior Cardinal League football team has won two trophies. This year, the team compiled a perfect 9-0 won-loss record. The boys won 10 and lost 1 last year, and their record over a three-year period is 27 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties.

Earlier this year, Earl's Evening Optimist Little League baseball team won six straight games which sent them to the Regional Championship Playoffs. They lost out in the playoffs, but had won two years previously.

Earl says he has always enjoyed working with youths, and his interest obviously is paying off for the boys.

Edy Waltmon

James W. White Dies in Accident

James W. White II, 21, a Baton Rouge Substation helper, died Nov. 28 as the result of a one-car accident.

He had been employed by the Company since October of this year.

Born in LeCompte, La., he attended schools in Cheneyville. He also attended LSU in 1967.

He died after his car struck a bridge railing on a highway near Baton Rouge.



Welcome Aboard!

BEAUMONT DIVISION

Charles R. King, Engineer, T&D
 Frankie L. Guerin, Production
 Ken M. Delk, Treasury, Orange
 George E. Hodge, Engineer, System
 Joan M. Hudson, Administrative Services
 Juanita N. Jeffcoat, Information & Data Services
 Dale P. Reese, Administrative Services
 Ronald L. Steptoe, Distribution
 Anthony R. Sims, Distribution

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

Lawrence Mitchell, Distribution

NAVASOTA DIVISION

Albert B. Singleton, Distribution, Conroe

BATON ROUGE DIVISION

Charles A. Parolli, Production
 Sherry S. Guido, Treasury
 Richard E. McCandless, Gas Department
 Dundie P. Watts, Distribution
 Madeline R. Watson, Treasury
 Arthur G. Quick, Distribution
 Glen A. Meyers, Distribution
 John W. Holmes, Jr., Treasury
 Frankie W. Harrelson, Production
 Frank A. Campbell, Jr., Distribution
 George A. Beck, Sales

Perry R. Milner, Jr., Distribution
 Luther M. Arnette, Distribution
 Alan J. McGrew, Production
 Randolph A. Anding, Distribution
 Calvin L. Blount, Distribution
 Wayne B. Neyland, Jr., Treasury, Zachary
 Kathryn E. Nelson, Treasury
 Deborah J. McBride, Treasury

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Stephen R. Gooden, Production
 Alfred G. Ellmer, Distribution
 Robert L. Daughenbaugh, Distribution
 Sam H. Crochet, Distribution
 Clarence L. Badon, Production
 Ryan J. Fontenot, Treasury

Sympathy To:

Gerald C. Bond, Baton Rouge Electrical Services Department, and to Mrs. Jeanette R. Roberts, Denham Springs clerk, on the death of their father, Stephen H. Bond, on October 9.

Clifford A. Toups, Electric Service Department at Baton Rouge and Henry Toups III, Baton Rouge Relay Department on the death of their mother Mrs. Henry Toups, Jr., who passed away on November 9.

Jim Turner, director of advertising and public relations, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Grady Turner, on November 9 in Baton Rouge.



"At first I thought we didn't have anything in common, then I discovered he had a car, a bank account, a boat, some stocks . . ."



Company President Eldon A. Werner, right, accepts the United Appeals Fair Share award for the Beaumont Division from Ken Reinhardt, UA chairman for Beaumont. The award, along with departmental awards, was presented during ceremonies at the Main Office Building.



BATON ROUGE



Wedding bells rang out recently for Georgette Wilson, daughter of Emile V. Wilson, master electrician. Georgette is now Mrs. Harold J. Welage of Fountain, Colo.

Jackie Guidry



Peter Seymour, Jr., 6, son of Peter Seymore of the electric meter department, recently received a junior membership in the American Angus Association. Membership allows the youth to register purebred Angus cattle with the association.

Margie Force



Mr. F. G. Krumholt is presented gifts at a recent retirement party held in his honor at the U.C.T. grounds. At left is John Liddell and at right is S. J. Arnaud.

S. A. McKenzie

Fall vacationers were Lois Belle, Lillian Fabre, Sedonia Louviere, Jo Anne Parish and Betty Nell Smith.

Meter Reader Dennis Esteve and Marian Lombardo exchanged wedding vows Nov. 30 in St. Agnes Catholic Church.



Horses are a special interest to the T. W. Parish family. Shown are Mary Anne Parish and her dad, T. W. Mary Anne's mother is Jo Anne Parish, executive stenographer. Mary Anne is the granddaughter of Leslie Kent, Port Allen superintendent, and great-granddaughter of D. T. Kent, retired employee.



Bill Lee, Baton Rouge industrial sales engineer, displays a Certificate of Achievement and cash award which he recently won in a design competition sponsored by the J. F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. Bill's design, a "Rear-Mounted P.T.O. Driven Stump Cutter," was originally a project for an agricultural engineering department class during his senior year at the University of Arkansas.



Michele Dawson, seven month old granddaughter of Robert Dawson, gas department, seems to be pondering whether "to burst or not to burst" her balloon.

Marine Cpl. Bernie Campo, son of Ben and Eva Campo, is now stationed at Dang Ho, Vietnam.

Credit and Collections collector Arthur Babin's mother, Mrs. Susie Babin, has been hospitalized with a broken hip.

Our office was saddened at the loss of Mary Monahan, long-time co-worker. Our sympathy to members of her family.

Opal Temple



Service Applications bade farewell last month to Claudette Brown, front left in picture, and Marilyn Netherland, front right. Others are, from left, back row, Mary Grunewald, Virginia Harrison, Brenda Clause, Jackie Bates, Rita Courtney, and Pam Harris, seated.

LAKE CHARLES



Some 38 eighth grade students from St. Charles Academy in Lake Charles paid a visit to Nelson Station November 5. Here they are being presented an explanation of how electricity is generated by C. E. Chambers, operation supervisor. Later the youths were taken on a tour of the plant by Alan Levine, maintenance planner, Bill Dowden, equipment operator, Mark Kingham, equipment operator, and A. J. Boudreaux, test foreman.

James Stratton, mechanic's helper at Nelson Station, is the proud father of his first child—a sweet daughter. Jodie Rachelle was born Nov. 4 at 10:06 p.m. in Memorial Hospital. Weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, she was 20 inches long. Jim handed out his "It's a Girl" cigars to fellow employees.

Nelson Station had another proud father in November. Johnny C. Bourque, operator's helper, has another man in the family. Jason Bourque joined the family circle on Nov. 5 at 9:30 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4½ ounces and was 21 inches long. Jason was born at St. Patrick's Hospital. Johnny also has two daughters, Kim and Tracey.

Pam Weston

Sgt. Carl G. Sibley, son of T&D's S. G. and Mrs. Sibley, was among Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service personnel strategically posted around the world to support the Apollo 7 space flight. Sgt. Sibley, who is regularly stationed on Guam, is an aircraft loadmaster with the highly trained HC-130 Hercules rescue aircrews.

Jo Ann Havens, daughter of Lineman Joe R. Havens, was the Beauregard Parish representative at the International Rice Festival in Crowley, La. Miss Havens is a senior at Singer High School and was named the "State Yam Cook" at the "Yambilee" in Opelousas, La., this year.

Sheila Guy

JENNINGS



Loma Linda McCoy and her father, Serviceman Donovan R. McCoy, stroll arm in arm during ceremonies for the Elton Homecoming where Miss McCoy was named the Elton High School Junior Maid. She was sophomore maid for 1967. Mr. McCoy's son, Donovan, Jr., brought additional honors to the family when he received the Fred B. and Ruth B. Zigler Foundation scholarship of \$375. Young McCoy will attend the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

BEAUMONT

Harry Hebert, storeroom truck driver, was the winner of a Maytag Porta-Dryer during the National Camper jamboree in Marion, Iowa.



The T&D ladies met recently to bid farewell to Mrs. Gwen McDonald, who left the Company to begin her family. Pictured left to right are Kay Alexander, Ellen Coffey, Susan McGrath, Gwen McDonald (in front), Connie Neal, Linda McSwain, and Patsy Richardson.

Jo Anne Landry



Gathered around Patsy Richardson, steno-T&D Engineering, are friends wishing her the very best on her forthcoming marriage. The couple plan to make their home in Houston, Tex.



Pictured here is Sherly Annitte McCurley, the baby daughter of Andrew McCurley of the Substation Department. She was born on July 4, 1968.



Marie Michael, an employee in the Corporate and Finance Department for over four years, presented husband Lanny with this fine young gentleman a couple of months ago. His name is Jason. Marie left the Company to await his arrival.

Congratulations to Edwin B. Smith, traffic supervisor in the Purchasing Department, on being elected first vice president of the Sabine District Transportation Club. Ed has been a member of the club 4½ years and has served on the board of directors.

Darla McMurray



Ida Louise Borne, daughter of Customer Accounting Supervisor Arsey L. Borne, was married Nov. 30 to Walter Kenneth Meryman. She was wed in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Rosemary Vaught

PORT ARTHUR



Tommy Drodgy, meterman, can already taste this turkey, won in a free drawing sponsored by the Service Center Coffee Fund. Another winner, Dallas White was not present for picture-taking.

Lorraine Dunham

NAVASOTA



Paul Long, substation operator, is shown enjoying a retirement party held in his honor November 1. Also pictured is Mrs. Long and J. L. Haddox, operating supervisor.

Jeanette Sangster



Christmas Treats For Your Stomach

We all look forward to Christmas each year, and one of the main reasons for this is the sumptuous assortment of foods that decorate our table on this festive occasion. Whether it be the traditional Christmas turkey with dressing and all the trimmings, or an off-beat, exotic dish, holiday fare is always among the most memorable of the year. The following recipes have been compiled by our Home Service Department for just such special occasions as Christmas.

ROAST TURKEY

Clean and prepare turkey. Salt inside cavity with $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. salt per pound. Stuff turkey if desired. Closely bind legs and wing to body of bird with strings or with skewers and cord. Grease turkey all over with melted fat or butter. Place in shallow pan on rack. Use flat rack if available. If V-shaped rack is used, turkey should be roasted breast side down the entire time. Roast turkey as follows:

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| 8-10 lbs. | 325 degrees | 20-25 min. per lb. | 3-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. |
| 10-14 lbs. | 325 degrees | 18-30 min. per lb. | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 hrs. |
| 14-18 lbs. | 300 degrees | 15-18 min. per lb. | 4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. |

Plan roasting so turkey is out of oven 15 to 25 minutes before serving. Turkey absorbs juices and is easy to carve.

Note: Most turkeys on the market today are young and need no covering. Wrapping in aluminum foil will tenderize an old fowl.

TURKEY OR CHICKEN — WILD RICE BAKE

One 6 oz. pkg. long grain and wild rice mix
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine
3 Tbsps. finely chopped onion
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup all purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. pepper
2 cups milk

2 cups chicken or turkey, chopped
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped ripe olives
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup mayonnaise
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (5-cent pkg.) crushed potato chips
2 hard cooked eggs, diced

Prepare long grain and wild rice according to directions on the package. Melt butter or margarine and saute' onions on medium heat. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually stir in milk and cook until thickened. Add rice, tuna fish, olives, lemon juice, mayonnaise and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup potato chips. Fold in chopped eggs. Pour into 2-quart casserole; cover with remaining potato chips and bake at 375 degrees, 45 minutes. Serve 6-8.

NOTE: May be frozen up to one month—serve half and freeze remainder for later use.

BLIND DATE CAKE

1 cup dates, cut fine
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups boiling water
1 tsp. soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
1 cup sugar

2 eggs, well beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour
3 Tbsps. cocoa
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir dates in boiling water. Mash and cool; add soda. In large mixer bowl, cream shortening with the 1 cup sugar, eggs and vanilla, beating until light and fluffy on high speed. Add date-soda mixture. On low speed, add flour sifted with cocoa and salt. Sprinkle topping of the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, chocolate chips, and chopped nuts over cake and press down into batter with hand. Pour into greased and floured 9x12x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees, 30-35 minutes.

TOPPING: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar; One 6-oz. pkg. chocolate chips, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts.

LOUISIANA CORN BREAD DRESSING

5 cups corn bread
6 slices whole wheat bread (slightly toasted)
2 cups finely cut celery
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups shallots with tops, cut fine
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely cut onion

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup minced parsley
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine
4 tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cayenne
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. celery seed
Giblets

Simmer gizzard, heart and neck in a quart of water until tender. Add liver and cook a few minutes more until done. Cut all meat fine for dressing. Saute' celery, shallots and onion in the butter only until transparent; add seasonings, more or less than amounts suggested to suit individual taste. Soak the toasted whole wheat bread in cold water, squeeze dry and mix well with the crumbled corn bread. Combine the sauteed seasonings, the bread mixture, parsley, minced giblets and sufficient broth from the giblets to make a moist dressing. Stuff turkey; allow about one cup of stuffing for each pound of turkey.

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